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**LIHEAP SERVICE PROVIDERS COMMITTEE MEETING****Wednesday, February 28, 2007****9am-12pm****Community Services & Development Department****700 North 10th Street****Sacramento, CA.****Conference Call # 1-888-447-7153 – Pin 5653559#****AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions/Roll Call – (10 min)
3. Approval of Minutes – (5 min)
4. Chair's Report – (10 min)
5. Director's Report – (15 min)
6. LIOB Update – (15 min)
7. Automation Update – (15 min)
8. ECIP Update – (30 min)
9. Solar, Warm weather, Increased LIHEAP funding update – (15 min)
10. Presentation on Sacramento pilot-Air Quality Control Board – (15 min)
11. Reports & Announcements from Associations – (3 min each)
 - a. Association of California Community and Energy Services (ACCES)
 - b. Association of Rural Northern California Energy Providers (ARNCEP)
 - c. Bay Area Poverty Resource Council (BAPRC)
 - d. California/Nevada Community Action Partnership (CALNEVA)
 - e. Southern California Forum (SCF)
12. Election of Chair and Vice Chair – (30 min)
13. Announcements from floor – (10 min)
14. Suggestions for topics for next meeting – (5 min)

Chair, Dennis Osmer called the meeting to order at 9am and roll was taken.

Roll Call:

Madera County Community Action Partnership
Community Action Partnership of Kern
Community Resource Project, Inc.
Community Action Agency of San Mateo County
Self Help home Improvement Project
Community Action Partnership of Riverside

Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment
Southern California Forum
Central Coast Energy Services, Inc.
Colusa-Glenn-Trinity Community Action Agency
Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara
Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino
Redwood Community Action Agency
Maravilla Foundation
Campesinos Unidos, Inc.
Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission
PG & E
Community Action Agency of Butte County
Ventura County Commission on Human Concerns
San Diego Gas & Electric
City of Berkeley
Community Action Marin
Community Services & Employment Training
Kings Community Action Organization
Veterans in Community Service, Inc
Community Enhancement Services
Central Valley Opportunity Center
Community Action Partnership of Orange County
Merced County Community Action Agency
Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino

Approval of Minutes – Louise Perez moved that the minutes of the November 16, 2006 meeting be approved and Mary Long seconded the motion.

Director's Report:

Lloyd Throne thanked the Energy Providers for their efforts during the recent freeze. He discussed the fact that funding contained in the year-long Continuing Resolution remains at the same base level for LIHEAP and DOE for 2007. For both LIHEAP and DOE, the President's budget calls for significant cuts. Lloyd provided copies of letter's he has sent to California Congressional Representative calling for immediate release of the approximately \$200 million in Emergency Contingency Funds currently available.

Wendy Wohl mentioned that CSD has not yet received the federal award letter authorization expenditure of funds in the year-long Continuing Resolution. As soon as that is received CSD will be issuing contract amendments to cover the finalized budgets and make some other changes in weatherization measures. Wendy also mentioned that agencies can order Energy Bears Coloring Books by contacting Pasty Esposito and order the brochures by contacting Mark Vessels.

LIOB Update:

LIOB Meeting Recap – January 17, 2007

LaDonna Williams newly appointed board member. She currently serves as Executive Director of People for Children's Health and Environmental Justice and a community and environmental advocate to protecting low-income communities from environmental and health injustices

Calendar of upcoming Low-Income Energy Efficiency events of interest:

- KEMA Needs Assessment Workshop – February 26th
- Gas Furnace Repair/Replacement Workshop – Mar 6th

At the direction of the Commission, Investor-Owned Utility Companies will hold public workshop meeting to solicit public input on Low-Income Energy Efficiency program services, design and policy considerations. The meeting will be held on quarterly basis throughout the 2007 calendar year. In addition, the Commission's Energy Division staff will offer additional guidance to utilities with regards to meeting formats to ensure that meetings are conducted in a manner that allows for full public participation and to address public concerns regarding low public turnout and improving access to low-income communities.

SB 580 Update – Automatic Enrollment

California Health and Human Services agency but forth a program pilot concept to facilitate the use CHHS program participant databases/information to facilitate enrollment into the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program. The program pilot would encompass:

- Providing enrollment cards to WIC program participants to complete and send to servicing utility companies for placement on CARE
- Work w/ DHHS (local WIC administrators) to determine target populations, points of marketing contacts, costs and other logistics
- Proposed date for sending enrollment cards: July 1, 2007
- Evaluation of program pilot: Aug – Dec 2007

Recently, Water Utility Low-Income Rate Assistance Programs was added to the purview of the LIOB. Similar to advisory role of the LIOB over low-income energy efficiency programs, the LIOB will also serve in advisory capacity to the CPUC for ensuring the delivery of clean, safe, and reliable water to customers at reasonable rates in particular low-income customers. Ultimately, the goal is to strengthen water conservation programs to levels comparable to energy conservation programs. With the assistance of CPUC staff, the board is evaluating the availability of low-income water conservation and bill assistance programs throughout the state and creating a synergy between water and energy conservation programs.

Automation Update:

Ed Lee reported that CSD is moving forward with what we're calling an Agency Profile automation. The goal is to make it easy for anyone that is in need of services to use the CSD web page to identify who to contact for which type of service he or she may need. In addition, CSD needs the ability to identify which agencies/CAA's are providing which types of services. When you look at CSD's public Web page today; the only agencies searchable by the public is the contracted energy agencies. CSD staff has collected initial information to establish the CSBG agency profile such as contact info, program services, political jurisdiction and other data fields. Once the IT staff has loaded the CSBG agencies data into a database, CSD will establish an internal procedure to continuously update and leverage the agency data to manage a single source for mailing, payment address, etc. CSD will send out a copy of the full agency profile for each agency in advance of putting this data out for the public viewing. Expect the information to be release in May/June 2007 for review, and then agencies will have to submit any agency profile changes to CSD for updates.

Solar, Warm Weather Update:

Resolutions Update:

Dennis Osmer provided an update on the following resolutions:

1 – Warm Weather Resolution: The resolution was sent to the California Delegation. Dennis will provide copies if you e-mail him.

2 – Increased LIHEAP funding: Senate Resolution 3 is still pending in the State Energy Utilities Committee. Sponsors Kehoe and Flores. Dennis encouraged agencies to contact the committee in support of the resolution and to urge passage.

3 – Solar Resolution: A copy of the new legislation (SB324 Migden) was distributed and Dennis shared that some, but not all of our requested changes were included. Dennis invited Brian Crabb, Legislative Liaison for the Public Utilities Commission. He was staff on SB 1 and is coordinating legislative changes. Brian said that everything was open at this time and he and the CPUC are interested in hearing from interested parties on changes to make the program work for the low-income component of the legislation. Some suggestions brought up were: direct installs, allow for gas installs, and requires leveraging to bring cost to zero, allow partial solar conversion of a household, CSD and network involvement. Dennis entertained a motion to expand the current resolution to include gas and that motion was moved by Val Martinez and seconded by Louise Perez and passed by the committee.

ECIP Update:

Wendy gave an update on the ECIP policies and procedures being worked on by the Weatherization Task Force and a smaller subgroup of this task force. The small group has agreed upon an emergency definition for all ECIP services (HCS and Fast Track) when there is no formal declared emergency. CSD has agreed to revise the ECIP Priority Plan to include HCS services and will share a draft when completed. Progress has been made in clarifying that Emergency Heating and Cooling services will be allowed for hazardous conditions; such as, high CO, Gas leaks, cracked heat exchanger, installation conditions that violate a significant state or local building inspection code, and wood burning stove in the home of an elderly or disabled tenant, Emergency Heating and Cooling services will also be allowed for repair or replacement of an HVAC appliance if it is nonexistent or wholly inoperable and the applicant either has a qualifying medical condition or is a member of a vulnerable population. Emergency assistance timeframes for mitigation and repair are being developed. CSD has also agreed to include hot water heater emergency repair and replacements under the ECIP component. If all goes as planned, CSD will share the non-declared emergency policies and procedures at the next LIHEAP Providers meeting. The task force will work on declared emergency policies and procedures at upcoming meeting.

Association Reports:

Bay Area Poverty Council: Bill Parker announced that the association was in the midst of its annual audit.

So Cal Forum: Arlene mentioned that about 2/3rds of the solar hot water heaters have been installed and that data loggers were being installed in the houses to track energy usage.

ELECTIONS:

Mary Long nominated Val Martinez for Chair of the Committee and Ernie Flores seconded the nomination. Ernie recommended the vote be taken by acclamation and Lalo Acevedo seconded that recommendation. Val Martinez was elected Chair by acclamation. Louise Perez nominated Ernie Flores for Vice Chair and Lalo? seconded the nomination. Ernie Flores was elected Vice Chair by acclamation.